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Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 158 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/56/713.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 47th, 48th and 53rd meetings, on 11, 12 and 19 March 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.47, 48 and 53).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General containing the budget for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 (A/56/660) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/845).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.52

4. At the 53rd meeting, on 19 March, the representative of Uruguay, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (A/C.5/56/L.52), and orally revised it as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 10, the words "and any other relevant options that may arise" were inserted after the words "report of the Advisory Committee";

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(b) In operative paragraph 11, the words "as a matter of priority" were inserted after the words "to submit".

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.52, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999, by which the Council established the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1376 (2001) of 9 November 2001,

Recalling its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 as well as subsequent resolutions on the financing of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 56/252 of 24 December 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Reiterates* paragraph 1 of its resolution 55/275 of 14 June 2001;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 31 January 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 294.8 million United States dollars, representing some 75 per cent of the total assessed contributions, expresses concern that only 2 per cent of Member States have paid their assessed

[1] A/56/660.
[2] A/56/845.

contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources for some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into consideration the concerns and options referred to in paragraph 99 of the report of the Advisory Committee and any other relevant options that may arise, and to submit a progress report to the General Assembly for its consideration during the second part of its resumed fifty-sixth session;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit, as a matter of priority, the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit it recently conducted regarding the award of the current contract on air services to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the General Assembly during the second part of its resumed fifty-sixth session;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

14. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 56,757,600 dollars gross (57,229,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the twelve-month period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, in addition to the amount of 405,739,878

dollars gross (396,685,872 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2001 to 31 March 2002, inclusive of the amount of 11,634,563 dollars gross (10,366,479 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 862,915 dollars gross (774,893 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base appropriated and assessed by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/275 and 56/252;

15. *Also decides*, taking into account the amount of 405,739,878 dollars gross (396,685,872 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July 2001 to 31 March 2002 in accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 55/275 and 56/252, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 56,757,600 dollars gross (57,229,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2001 and 2002 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

16. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated decrease in the staff assessment income of 471,700 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

17. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

18. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

19. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

20. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".